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Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas **L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District**

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Ridley-Thomas Selects Veteran Educator to Fill Senior Deputy for Human Development Position

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY – Linda A. Smith, an educator with extensive experience in the public and non-profit sectors, has joined the staff of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas as his Senior Deputy for Human Development and Services.

Ms. Smith will advise the Supervisor on matters ranging from children's issues to senior services, as well as the Los Angeles County Office of Education and County library system.

She previously worked as a career advisor for CalWORKs at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, as a Family and Consumer Studies Instructor at East Los Angeles and Long Beach Community Colleges, and headed a non-profit organization called the California Alliance for Consumer Education (CACE).

In addition to her work in the academic and non-profit sectors, for ten years Smith worked at the Gas Company in Consumer Affairs and as a loaned executive to Rebuild L.A. She also served as the Deputy Director for the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

"Linda Smith is well positioned to help me address the urgent issues of human development in the Second District," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said. "Her expertise and wisdom will go a long way toward improving the quality of life for everyone from children to senior citizens. Wherever she has been, in the public sector or private sector, class room or board room, Linda has been effective."

Ms. Smith earned a Doctor of Education Degree in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University, a Master of Arts Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from California State University, Los Angeles, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from UCLA.

She also authored a book entitled *Here's What It Takes... to be Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise*. Her book presents common sense tips on eight key areas of life including career, education, interpersonal relationships, health and well-being, money management and consumerism, leisure time and fun.

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